

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 564  
By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jeffrey Howard Roberts,  
University of Tennessee Drum Major.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize our talented young musicians, particularly persons who work with extraordinary diligence and dedication as members of the University of Tennessee "Pride of the Southland" Marching Band; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary member of that great band is Jeffrey Howard Roberts; and

WHEREAS, during the highly successful 1997 gridiron season Jeff served in the important position of drum major in the best band in the land, the "Pride of the Southland" Marching Band, leading the band and the crowd, when Peyton was unable to do so, in a spirited rendition of "Rocky Top"; and

WHEREAS, he is majoring in Music Education and Aerospace Studies and has an outstanding 3.47 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, a Cadet Wing Commander in the University of Tennessee Air Force R.O.T.C., Jeff has been honored with several awards, including the Air Force Scholarship Ribbon with Gold Device, the Daughters of the American Revolution Achievement Ribbon, the Outstanding Professional Officer Candidate Ribbon and the Academic Excellence Award (AS300); and

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WHEREAS, during his active duty with the United States Air Force, he has received the Air Force Training Ribbon and the National Defense Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, with the valuable assistance of David Dixon, Jeff developed a strong interest in music in junior high school and it was in high school that this very talented musician showed signs of future greatness; and

WHEREAS, Jeff served ably as the first chair trumpet for the highly regarded Knoxville Central High School Band from 1990-1994, under the expert guidance of the director of bands, Norman Woodall; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, he was first chair trumpet at the ETSBOA Junior Band Clinic; and

WHEREAS, Jeff's long list of high school honors includes his membership in the All-State East Band, 1991-1994; the All-State East Orchestra, 1993; the All-State East Jazz Band, 1990-1994; the Tennessee All-State Band, 1992; and the Tennessee All-State Jazz Band, 1994; and principal trumpet in the Tennessee All-State Orchestra, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Jeff was also one of a select group of exceptionally talented persons that attended the Indiana University Summer Music Clinic from 1992-1993, and was honored to be a member of the Tennessee National Guard 572<sup>nd</sup> United States Air Force Band from 1994-1996; and

WHEREAS, he is the son of Mikael Howard and Sandra Winbigler Roberts; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Howard Roberts, Mary Winbigler and the late Mr. Ben Winbigler.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor this very talented student; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Jeffrey Howard Roberts on his many accomplishments and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.